



# Newsletter

## May & June, 2012

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### **President's Message:**

An alien and unsettling feeling permeated my senses. I just couldn't shake the sensation and walked over to the television, hoping that I could find something that would sooth my anxiety. I was shocked to find that the only programming available was the Shopping Network, the Moonshiners, the Jersey Shore and reruns of Happy Days. I decided to listen to music instead. When I went to the music channels on my satellite dish, two stations were playing "In A Gadda Da Vida" or "Stairway to Heaven," over and over again. The only other music channels featured Lawrence Welk and Yanni. I began to crave the sound of fingernails scraping across a chalkboard.

I looked around the house and the walls were bare. Had someone stolen all of our artwork? I hopped in the car and headed to the local art gallery. It was a grey, dreary overcast day. I decided that if I got some art back up into the house, I could come out of this funk which had settled over me. The only original pieces in the store were paintings of dogs playing poker or dogs shooting pool, on velvet. I checked out the photographs, and they were all wallet sized framed prints of incredibly nice looking people in dated clothes. I knew that these would never get the past the decorating police in my household, so I left the store, feeling more disoriented than ever. As I passed through the front door, I noticed a poster for the Lakeside Singers, who were performing at Mariner's Landing at that very moment.

As I drove over to the concert, I was hoping that this would shake me out of the deep malaise that I was in. When I got to Mariner's Landing, I noticed that the Lakeside Singers were gathered at the shoreline, holding shotguns and calling (singing to) ducks. They were hunting!

I glanced at my watch, and realized that I was late for rehearsal for the upcoming Lake Players production of "Fox on the Fairway". As I drove up to the location, I saw that the rest of the cast were on a swing set, riding a merry-go-round and going down a slide. The Lake Players were playing!

Sudden it struck me like a lightning bolt ... SMAC was no longer in existence and the finer arts had disappeared! We were left with no culture, no entertainment, no education and barren walls. I began to shake uncontrollably, and the next thing I heard was a crash. It startled me and I leapt up. I was in my study and had knocked a glass of water on to the floor next to my desk. My face hurt, and my neck ached. I looked around, and realized that it had all been a dream. I had fallen asleep in front of my computer, trying to think of an idea for this edition of the President's Message. My walls were filled with paintings and photographs and beautiful colors. I could hear wonderful music playing through the house sound system. I looked down and saw a calendar full of upcoming SMAC events. Everything felt right again. Or at least it will until the next deadline for this message looms.

*Mike Dittrich*



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### **Change of Address or email?**

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### **Board Meetings: Trinity Ecumenical Parish - Route 122**

Friday May. 18<sup>th</sup> & June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM

## Calendar - Upcoming Events



SMAC is now signed up for inclement weather announcements. Closings will be broadcast on WSLs TV (Channel 10) and listed on their website (WSLS.com) or at WDBJ7.com (online only).

Share SMAC's slogan with your friends and neighbors.  
"If you aren't a member of SMAC... you should be."



### May 2: Laurence Juber Concert:

7pm – Trinity Ecumenical Parish  
Fusing folk, jazz, and pop styles, two-time Grammy-winner Laurence Juber creates a multifaceted performance that belies the use of only one acoustic guitar. The lead guitarist for Paul McCartney's Wings (with whom he earned a Grammy award), Juber is a world-renowned guitar virtuoso, composer and arranger. Tickets are \$20 [\$17 for SMAC members].  
[www.smithmountainartscouncil.com](http://www.smithmountainartscouncil.com)

### May 7: Photo Show Entry Deadline

For complete contest rules, visit:  
[www.smithmountainartscouncil.com](http://www.smithmountainartscouncil.com) - (Activities tab and then Photo Contest and Show). If you do not have access to the Internet, please Contact Peter Coriasco at 540-420-1018.

### May 11-13 & 18-20: Little Town Players

The Nerd runs May 11, 12, 18, 19 at 8:00 pm and May 13, 20 at 2:00 pm at the Elks national Home Theatre. Adults - \$12.00 and children under 12 - \$10.00. For tickets please call the box office at 540-586-5881 or  
[www.lyncburgtickets.com](http://www.lyncburgtickets.com)

More information on page 4

### May 18<sup>th</sup>: Ballroom Dancers

Monthly Dance – SALSA  
More information on page 4

### May 18 & 19: "Margaritaville"

Sold Out! More information on page 4

### May 19<sup>th</sup>: Call for Artist

Call for Artist - Deadline for entry forms is May 19<sup>th</sup>. Bower Center for the Arts SMAC invitational exhibit. Show June 6 - July 14. More information on page 6.

### May 20<sup>th</sup>: Violin and Piano Concert

When: May 20, 2012 - 4pm  
Where: Trinity Ecumenical Parish, Moneta  
Tickets: \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.  
Violin students get in free.  
Contact: Jim Mullens at [jhmullens@yahoo.com](mailto:jhmullens@yahoo.com)  
More information on page 4

### May 25 - 27: SMAC Photo Show

Entry deadline is May 7<sup>th</sup>! It's never too late!  
Contact Peter Coriasco at 540-420-1-18 or at  
[pcoriasco@gmail.com](mailto:pcoriasco@gmail.com) for additional information.  
More information on page 5.

### May 26: Louisiana Crawfish Festival

Wharton Memorial Foundation / Bower Center for the Arts' 4th Annual Louisiana Crawfish Festival on Saturday, May 26, 5pm – Wharton Garden, Bedford  
More information on page 5

### June 1 & 2: Lakeside Singers Concert

The concert is scheduled for Friday June 1 at 7:00 PM and Saturday June 2 at 2:00 PM at Trinity Ecumenical Parish.  
More information on page 5.

### June 6 – July 14: Art Show

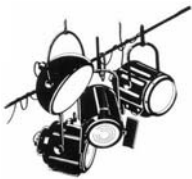
Bower Center for the Arts welcomes SMAC for an invitational exhibit.  
More information on page 6.

### June 9: Sophisticated jazz and soulful blues

Liz Barnes and Barbara Martin at the Bower Center for the Arts. 7:30 – 10:00 pm.  
More information on page 6.

### July 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>: Lake Players

A comedy, "Fox on The Fairway"  
Resurrection Catholic Church - 5:30 pm  
bring your own golf tote of food, and BYOB. We will provide dessert, coffee, iced tea, water and soda.  
More information on page 6.



### Welcome to our Newest Members

Pat Malar

Becky & Charlie Rouie

Sharon & Leo Cullen

Marjory H. Milligan

Devon Meyers

Byron & Nancy Yost

## New Crusty Minstrels : “Margaritaville” Benefit Sing-along Concert , May 18 & 19



We're pleased to report that the “Good Times at Margaritaville” charity benefit concerts (May 18 & 19 at SML YMCA), featuring SMAC's New Crusty Minstrels leading the singing of Jimmy Buffett and Beach Boys favorites, has sold out nearly a month in advance. Those with tickets can anticipate a rollicking good time and are asked to remember that all contributions made on concert evenings, either by cash or by check, will be doubled by generous benefactors and will thus work twice as hard to help the needy in our area. Cash and checks made out to “Charity Benefit-Margaritaville” will be split between SMLGN and LCM and doubled (by David Baldacci for the SMLGN and an anonymous donor for LCM). Checks made out to either charity will also be doubled. Baskets will be on the tables to receive your much-appreciated donations.

Doors open at 6:15; concert begins at 7:00. Remember to dress in “island attire” to add to the beach party atmosphere and bring snacks and beverages to enjoy at the tables. Hot Shots will be grilling Cheeseburgers in Paradise outside the Y entrance and selling soft drinks as well. Parking is limited so please carpool with friends and be careful of others walking to and from their cars. A designated driver is recommended.

## Little Town Players Present: The Nerd - May 11-13 & 18-20

The Nerd set in Terre Haute, Indiana, is the story of Willum Cubbert (John Langston), an unassuming architect, and his friends, Tansy (Andrea Gillispie), Axel (Brian Lee), and Rick (Jamie Watson\*), who saved Willum's life in Vietnam. Over the years, Willum and Rick have exchanged occasional letters and greeting cards, though they've never met. Willum has promised Rick that as long as he is alive, "You will have somebody on earth who will do anything for you" - so Willum is delighted when Rick shows up unexpectedly on the night of his birthday party. But his delight soon fades as it becomes apparent that Rick is a hopeless "nerd" - a bumbling oaf with no social graces, little intelligence, and less tact. Ironically, Willum's boss, Mr. Walgrave (Danny Grigsby), his high-stung, put-upon wife, Celia (Lisa Butler), and their terror of a son, Thor (Bobby Bays) just happen to be attending the birthday party as well. After just one week, Rick has almost single-handedly destroyed Willum's career, his life, and his sanity. Incident piles upon uproarious incident until the normally placid Willum finds himself contemplating violence. Eventually at his wits end, Willum decides to take a chance on Axel's plan to get rid of Rick.



John Langston, Bobby Bays and Danny Grigsby rehearse a scene from The Nerd.



The Nerd directed by Karen C. Hopkins runs May 11, 12, 18, 19 at 8:00 pm and May 13 and 20 at 2:00 pm at the Elks national Home Theatre. Adults - \$12.00 and children under 12 - \$10.00. For tickets please call the box office at 540-586-5881 or [www.lynchburgtickets.com](http://www.lynchburgtickets.com)

\*The Actor appears through the courtesy of Actor's Equity Association and the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers of the United States.

## Ballroom Dancers: SALSA – May 18th



SML Ballroom Dancers will hold their monthly dance on May 18th. The dance will be Salsa. This lesson will be taught by Jose Zuniga of *Dance Space* in Danville. A silent auction will be held and some of the items to be auctioned include instructions to learn how to do dances like the Foxtrot, Waltz and Swing plus others, in addition to anything contributed by the attendees.

The June 15th dance will be the Tango and the theme will be Flowers Galore.

We meet at the New London Ruritan Club on Rt 460 East. Turn at the third driveway after Sheetz. Admission is \$7.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members and \$5.00 for students

We will always have a host to dance with single ladies. Please come and enjoy an evening of dancing.

## Violin and Piano Concert: Sunday, May 20, 2012

4pm at Trinity Ecumenical Parish; Admission: Adults \$15, Students free



Geronimo Oyenard will be giving a recital with pianist Melia Garber on Sunday, May 20, at 4:00 pm at Trinity Ecumenical Church in order to raise funds for the upcoming school year. The concert is sponsored by SMAC and admission is \$ 15 for adults and free for students. *“We are well aware that school funding is limited so we have to rely heavily on fundraising and contributions. We also welcome the idea of having local businesses and individuals sponsor a student's instruction”.*

If you wish to learn more, or contribute to the Franklin County Violin Program, please contact Mr. Oyenard at [goyenard@yahoo.com](mailto:goyenard@yahoo.com) or Mrs. Fair Robey at [fair.robey@frco.k12.va.us](mailto:fair.robey@frco.k12.va.us)





## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual John Faber Memorial Photography Contest and Show

Memorial Day Weekend: May 25 - 27, 2012 - Free admission and open to the public

Entry Deadline: May 7, 2012

The Annual John Faber Memorial Photo Contest and Show will be held at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, across from Moneta Library. **Please note new location and schedule.** The contest is open to all photographers – casual, amateur and professional. Photographers at every level are encouraged to enter.



**\*Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 13586 S Old Moneta Road, across from Moneta Library, in the Fellowship Hall**

- From Halesford Bridge: the church is located 5 miles north on Moneta Road (Route 122) in Moneta, VA, across from the Moneta Library. Turn right onto South Old Moneta Road.
- From Bedford: the church is located 16 miles south on Route 122 or Moneta Road. Turn left onto South Old Moneta Road which is the following road after Route 608 or White House Road.
- From Route 608 or White House Road: proceed towards Moneta and turn left at the 4-way stop onto South Old Moneta Road. The church will be about a 1/2 mile on the left.

### The 2012 Photo Show Schedule (New this year)

- Mon, May 7, 2012: Entry Deadline (forms and fees due)
- Mon, May 21, 2012: 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. - Photographs will be received at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, across from Moneta Library\*. [Please arrange for someone else to drop off your entries if you are unable to do so.]
- Fri, May 25, 2012, 7:30pm - **Reception and award presentation**, Open to the Public.

**Public Exhibit (Memorial Day weekend)** free admission and open to the public

- Sat, May 26: 10 A.M – 4:00 P.M.
- Sun, May 27: Noon – 4:00 P.M. – Exhibit closes - Photographs can be picked up between 4:00 and 6:00 P.M.
- Mon, May 28: Photographs must be picked up between 10:00 A.M and 4:00 P.M. on Monday.  
[Please arrange for someone else to pick up your entries if you are unable to pick them up at this time.]

For complete contest rules, visit: [www.smithmountainartscouncil.com](http://www.smithmountainartscouncil.com) - (Activities tab and then Photo Contest and Show). If you do not have access to the Internet, please Contact Peter Coriasco at 540-420-1018.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Louisiana Crawfish Festival - Saturday, May 26, 5:00 pm in the beautiful Wharton Garden.



Mark your calendar for the Wharton Memorial Foundation / Bower Center for the Arts' 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Louisiana Crawfish Festival, generously sponsored by Dr. John Bower and Edna Curry. Join us for live Zydeco music and the party of the year in Bedford! Just as last year the band not only gives us great sound, but instructions in Cajun dancing as well. This year the band will be hanging around later. In case of rain the festival will be held in the old Murray Bolling building at 317 Jackson Street, across the street from Bower Center and behind Dave's Auto.

The food is fabulous and a rare treat in these parts... large freshwater crawfish are brought to Bedford live and boiled on the spot... chicken gumbo and red beans & rice are made from old Louisiana recipes... crawfish etouffe, a dish found in both Cajun and Creole cuisine, is most popular in New Orleans and in the bayou country of the southernmost half of Louisiana. Last but not least, save room for corn on the cob!

Tickets: \$25 in advance online, \$30 at the gate; Online tickets will be available starting the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>. Included in ticket price: "all you can eat" (on site... no carry-out), tea/lemonade, and great music! Beer/wine will be available for purchase. Note: No coolers allowed

## Lakeside Singers: June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> **SAVOR the 70s**



The Lakeside Singers will be performing music from the decade of the seventies, a time of change for our country which was revealed in the music of the day. We will try to stimulate memories of that period with our songs and recollections of events.

Relive the Groovy Music; join us on Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM or Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:00 PM. At Trinity Ecumenical Parish, 40 Lakemount Road, Moneta

Tickets will be available at The General Store on Scruggs Road, Westlake Radio Shack, and the SML Visitor Center at the bridge. Tickets \$8.00 in advance or \$9.00 at the door

For information contact: Gloria Sobey: 540 721-9599, Chris Collins: 540 721-8425, Ken Nagele: 540 297-1058

## **Sophisticated jazz and soulful blues with Liz Barnes & Barbara Martin**



**Saturday, June 9, 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm.** Treat yourself to the unique musical synergy of sophisticated jazz and soulful blues with Liz Barnes and Barbara Martin at the Bower Center for the Arts

What happens when you put two spunky and accomplished female blues/jazz musicians together on the same stage? When it's jazz pianist Liz Barnes and guitarist/vocalist Barbara Martin, you get an exciting musical synergy that lovers of blues and jazz won't want to miss! Whether in an intimate musical setting or on a larger stage, Liz Barnes & Barbara Martin are known for engaging the audience with skillful, entertaining and emotionally-charged performances.

Jazz pianist Liz Barnes has been teaching and performing for 20 years. She quickly made a name for herself in the 80's performing with well-known regional acts and opening for acclaimed blues artists such as Anson Funderburgh and Sam Meyers, the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Delbert McClinton, the Nighthawks and Sapphire, just to name a few. While Liz's piano style is firmly rooted in the blues, it reflects the whole jazz tradition from bebop to modernism. She has performed extensively as a solo jazz pianist as well as with small ensembles and big bands.

Barbara Martin is a musician known for being an accomplished vocal interpreter of the great jazz and blues standards, yet brave enough to stretch the boundaries of the female jazz and blues singer stereotype. Chanteuse, girl-next-door and perceptive poet all rolled into one, the Washington Post calls Barbara Martin's music "... as American in style as it is universal in emotional intelligence." In describing Barbara's evolution, one reviewer states: "Her voice has become lilting and uplifting, giving off an aura of happiness, similar in register and tone to that of Ella Fitzgerald. It's a joy to hear." – Jim Newsom, Portfolio Magazine

## **Lake Players Present "Fox on The Fairway", by Ken Ludwig. July 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.**



The Lake Players, under the direction of Nancy King, will produce the comedy "Fox on The Fairway" July 12th and 13th at Resurrection Catholic Church. The evening will begin at 5:30 pm with a "bring your own" golf tote of food and BYOB. We will provide dessert, coffee, iced tea, water and soda.

The play will star Jim Tarentino, Sandy Sampson, Mike Dittrich, Joyce Dittrich, Kay Degiorgi, John Maresca and Al Fuzi. Connie Canova is stage manager.

"Fox on The Fairway" takes audiences on a hilarious romp which pulls the rug out from underneath the stuffy denizens of a private country club. Filled with mistaken identities, slamming doors and over-the-top romantic shenanigans, it's a furiously paced comedy that recalls the Marx Brothers classics. A charmingly mad cap adventure about love, life and man's eternal love affair with.....golf!

For reservations to this fun evening of entertainment call Connie at 540-297-6680 or e-mail at [confred@b2xonline.com](mailto:confred@b2xonline.com). Space is limited so get your reservations in early. The cost will be \$10 per person due to the costs incurred to produce the show.



**We are looking to borrow a portable bar, if anyone has one that we can use for the play** please contact Connie at 540-297-6680 or e-mail at [confred@b2xonline.com](mailto:confred@b2xonline.com).

## **Bower Center for the Arts: SMAC Invitational Exhibit – June 6 to July 14**

**Call for Artists!** The deadline for entry forms to be received is May 19.

The Bower Center for the Arts welcomes The Smith Mountain Arts Council for an invitational exhibit. Works will be accepted in numerous media including, but not limited to, painting, drawing, print-making, collage, mixed media, photography, mosaics, sculpture, fabric and glass (stained and fused). SMAC Artists mark your calendars. For complete information about this show go to [smithmountianartsCouncil.com](http://smithmountianartsCouncil.com) or The Bower Center at 540-586-4235, [www.bowercenter.org](http://www.bowercenter.org) or [bowercenter@gmail.com](mailto:bowercenter@gmail.com)



## SML Business Expo

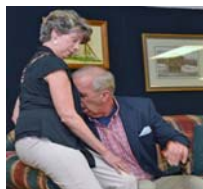
For the first time SMAC participated in the SML Business Expo on Friday, April 27. We had our own table with examples of what the arts council presents annually. SMAC would like to thank Mary Lou Koons and Whitney Brock for letting us use their paintings, Connie Canova for the harlequin masks, which gave our back table nice color and texture, and Terry Naylor for the photographs. Lake Writers contributed nine books in multiple genres. Also available were sample CDs of concerts that SMAC offered last year.



With our new brochure and the event flyer, we told everyone that we were bigger than they probably knew. Mike DeGiorgi, Mike Dittrich and Chuck Lumpkin joined in meeting members and potential members at our table. Our thanks to Terry Naylor for being our "roadie" and helping with set up and tear down.

## Lake Players - "Marriage, Music and More"

Marriage, Music and More was a successful night for the Lake Players with over 100 in attendance. Charlene and John Maresca read the play "Post-Its"; "Blind Date" was performed by Marion Wetcher and Bo King. Irish tunes were played and sung by Linda and Kevin Leap with Elda Nichols accompanying them on keyboard and Jerry Hale as well on a couple of tunes. Peg Clutz and her brother Dennis Crowley told family stories from their childhood memories.



## SMAC Announces the winners of its first Student Songwriters Contest



The Smith Mountain Arts Council is pleased to announce the winners of its first Student Songwriters Contest. The \$300 First prize goes to Emily Horton, for "Song For Blockbuster Cashier Boy", a sweet and inventive tune about a first crush. Emily's simple ukulele accompaniment added to the freshness of her song. Emily attends Staunton River HS.

The \$125 Second prize goes to Zachary Arduca for "Never Die", a very rhythmic and melodic song that had a strong guitar groove supporting the melody and lyrics. Zachary Attends George Washington HS.

The \$75 Third prize goes to Luke Fortner for "Breath of Life", a contemporary Christian song that showcased Luke's melodic structure. Luke attends Parkway Christian Academy.

Songs were judged on the strength of lyrics and melody. Musicianship, production quality and vocal performance quality were not factored into the decision. The judges included two local musician/songwriter/recording artists, Mike Franke and Marc Baskind. Gary Jackson, who runs Kirk Avenue Music and has discovered a lot of young musical talent, rounded out the judging panel.

All entrants will also receive a free one-year membership in the Southwest Va Songwriters Association. The winners will be formally recognized during intermission of the May 20 concert showcase of the Franklin County Violin Program performance at Trinity Ecumenical Parish. To listen to the winning tunes, go to the SMAC website.

## Scholarships

The Smith Mountain Arts Council has selected Evan Craighead [Franklin County High School] and Ethan Lee [Staunton River High School] as recipients of its 2012 high school scholarship awards. Jim Mullens will present Evan's scholarship at Franklin County's Senior Awards Program on May 23 and Bob Ayers will do the same for Ethan at Staunton River's Senior Awards Night on June 4. Evan and Ethan and their parents have been invited to SMAC's Photo Show Reception on May 25 at 7:30 p.m. to introduce them to our community. (See page 5 for location information.)



**"Let's Dance"**, a 17 piece dance band, needs substitute players to fill in from time to time.



Sometimes substitutes become full time members when a full time member drops out. Our substitute list is quite long, but we still encourage musicians from the area to contact us if they would like to play our "big band" kind of music. If interested, contact Art Guiffre at 721-8942 or at artguiffre@gmail.com.

**SMAC MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
FOR USE BY NEW MEMBERS ONLY

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